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CLAIMS

1. A method for providing of content data to a client, the method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving of a selection of content data from the client,
 - generating of an XML file having a defined DTD format, the XML file comprising license information and a locator for the content data,
 - sending of the XML file to the client,
 - synchronizing of local license related data on the client back to the server.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - in response to receiving the selection of the content data from the client, requesting of license conditions information from a license server,
 - sending of information indicative of one or more license offers to the client,
 - receiving an acceptance from the client.
3. The method of claim 1 or 2, further comprising using a common license client on the client device for handling of license status requests from different rendering applications.

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4. The method of claim 1, 2, or 3, further comprising using of a synchronization method as a communication mechanism for client license related data.
5. A method for providing of content data to a client, the method comprising the steps of:
 - selection of content data on a web-portal,
 - receiving of an XML file having a defined DTD format, the XML file comprising license information and a locator for the content data,
 - parsing of the XML file to extract the license information,
 - storing of the license information in a local license database,
 - downloading of the content data from a location indicated by the locator.
6. The method of claim 5 further comprising the steps of:
 - receiving of information indicative of one or more license offers,
 - inputting an acceptance of one or more of the license offers.
7. The method of claim 5 or 6, further comprising the steps of:

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- selection of content data from a local content database in which downloaded content data is stored for rendering,
 - checking of a license status of the selected content data in the local license database,
 - reading of the content data from the local content database for rendering of the content data.
8. The method of claims 5, 6 or 7, further comprising updating of the license information in the local license database when the content data is selected for rendering.
9. The method of claims 7 or 8, further comprising the steps of:
- in case that the license for rendering of the content data is exhausted, enabling of the rendering of the content and storage of an amount of usage of the content data,
 - re-connecting of the client to a network,
 - requesting a retroactive renewal of the license for rendering of the content data covering the stored amount of past usage.
10. A computer program product, in particular digital storage medium, comprising computer program means for providing of content data to a client by the steps of:

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- receiving of a selection of content data from the client,
 - generating of an XML file having a defined DTD format, the XML file comprising license information and a locator for the content data,
 - sending of the XML file to the client.
11. A computer program product, in particular digital storage medium, comprising computer program means for providing of content data to a client by the steps of:
- selection of content data on a web-portal,
 - receiving of an XML file having a defined DTD format, the XML file comprising license information and a locator for the content data,
 - parsing of the XML file to extract the license information,
 - storing of the license information in a local license database,
 - downloading of the content data from a location indicated by the locator.
12. A server system for providing of content data to a client, the server system comprising:

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- means (102, 104, 106) for receiving a selection of content data from the client,
 - means (102, 104) for generating of an XML file having a defined DTD format, the XML file comprising license information and a locator for the content data,
 - means (102, 104) sending of the XML file to the client.
13. A client system for providing of content data to a client, the client system comprising:
- means (108) for selection of content data on a web-portal,
 - means (300) for receiving of an XML file having a defined DTD format, the XML file comprising license information and a locator for the content data,
 - means (302) for parsing of the XML file to extract the license information,
 - local license database means (308) for storing of the license information,
 - means (304) for downloading of the content data from a location indicated by the locator.
14. The client system of claim 13, the client system being a portable device such as a laptop computer, a mobile

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telephone, a personal digital assistant or an MP3 player.

15. A computer system comprising a server system in accordance with claim 12 and a client system in accordance with claim 13 or 14.